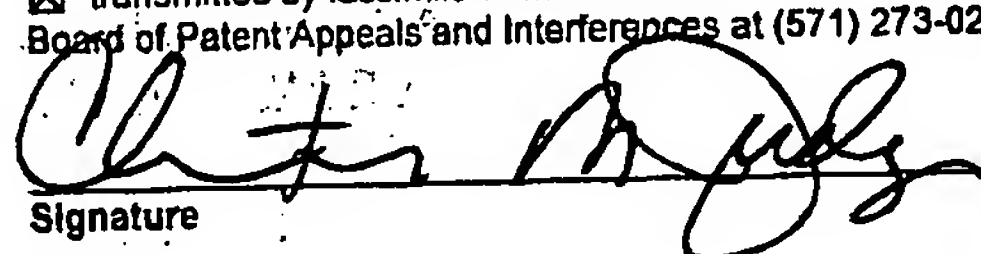


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants: Andrew Capon, David K. Friday, and David W. Pike
For: MULTI-STAGE RESPIRATOR FILTER WITH TIM FILTER OPTION
Serial No.: 10/604,497 Examiner: Mital B. Patel
Filed: July 25, 2003 Group Art Unit: 3743
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REQUEST FOR ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING

Applicant requests an adjournment of the hearing in the above-identified matter set for 1p.m. on March 9, 2006, due to the unavailability of Applicant's attorney on that date. Applicant's attorney believes that it would not be practical and acceptable to the client for another practitioner in Applicant's attorney's office to attend the hearing.

The reason for the request is that Applicant's attorney has previously scheduled a family vacation for the week of March 9-16, 2006, and the adjournment is requested in order to allow Applicant's attorney to take advantage of the vacation plans as scheduled. Further, at the scheduled time of 1:00 p.m. on March 9, 2006, Applicant will be traveling and unable to attend the hearing by telephone.

The undersigned attorney has been the only attorney in the office who has devoted substantive attention to this application. Applicant's attorney believes that it would not be

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acceptable to Avon Property Management, the owner of the above-identified patent application and client, to have someone else in Applicant's attorney's office prepare for and attend the hearing. In any case, it is believed that the preparation for a hearing by another practitioner in the office of applicant's attorney would create a hardship on the client because of the extensive time for preparation for the hearing. This application has been pending for several years and a lot of prosecution has taken place. There are a number of very important documents that are relevant to the appeal and digestion of these documents would, in the opinion of the undersigned attorney, be difficult for another practitioner in the office of Applicant's attorney to adequately prepare for this hearing.

In view of the foregoing, applicant requests that the hearing date of March 9, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. be adjourned and a new hearing date be set. Applicant requests that a decision on this request be faxed to the undersigned attorney at (616) 742-1010.

Respectfully submitted,

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